

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

In the pre-grant publication of the instant invention, US 2006/0241167, insert the following between paragraphs [0004] and [0005]:

US Pat. No. 6,696,479 discloses novel crystalline forms of fluvastatin sodium hydrates.

US Pat. No. 6,858,643 discloses crystalline forms of the (3R,5S) and the (3S,5R) enantiomers of fluvastatin.